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In re Application of: Donald J. McMichael )

Group Art Unit: 3763 )

Serial No.: 09/660,665 )

Examiner: Roz Maiorino )

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Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra		Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	23	35	0	x \$18 =	\$ .00
Independent Claims	2	4	0	x \$84 =	\$ .00
If amendment enters <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for <u>first</u> time, add \$270.00 (per application)					\$ .00
Since Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>N/A</u>					
<b>PETITION</b> is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month \$110; 2 months \$410; 3 months \$930; 4 months \$1450)					\$ .00
If Terminal Disclaimer enclosed, add Rule 20(d) Official Fee (\$110.00)					\$ .00
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>					\$ .00
If "small entity" verified statement filed [ ] previously, [ ] herewith, enter one-half (1/2) of subtotal and <u>subtract</u>					\$ .00
<b>TOTAL:</b>					\$ .00
Other: <u>Request for Continued Examination</u>					\$ 770.00
<b>TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED:</b>					\$ 770.00

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Sir:

Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the present Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2004, in the above captioned application. Please enter the following amendment: